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MINUTES OF JANUARY SESSION!

Tuesday, 28th January, 1890, First Day of the First Regular Session of the 41st County Council.

Pursuant to the Statute, the Forty-first Council of the County of Norfolk, met for the despatch of business. The members elected to represent the interests of the minor municipalities were called to order by the County Clerk, who proceeded to call the roll of the Municipalities in alphabetical order, examining the credentials of the Members of the same in the following order, viz:—

Municipalities.	Names of Members.	Office.	Certified by
Charlottesville	George D. McCall	Reeve	John Machon
do	Salem T. Hagerman	Deputy Reeve	do
do	William Mitchell	do	do
Houghton	Charles Dickinson	Reeve	A. C. Shapley
do	William Kelly	Deputy Reeve	do
Middleton	Roger Crysler	Reeve	J. C. H. Herron
do	Albert Cowan	Deputy Reeve	do
Port Dover	John McBride	Reeve	T. M. England
Port Rowan	C. S. Killmaster	Reeve	James Ryan
Simcoe (town)	John Nickerson	Reeve	N. C. Ford
do	John Sutton	Deputy Reeve	do
Townsend	Isaac G. Wyckoff	Reeve	L. N. Collyer
do	Jacob Goold	Deputy Reeve	do
do	Lewis C. Barber	do	do
N. Walsingham	Jos. M. Tweedale	Reeve	John Phelan
do	John Holtby	Deputy Reeve	do
S. Walsingham	Henry W. Anderson	Reeve	do
do	George Ferris	Deputy Reeve	do
Waterford, village	L. L. Sovereign	Reeve	L. N. Collyer
Windham	Robt. M. Wilson	Reeve	Robert Green
do	Oliver Robertson	Deputy Reeve	do
do	Isaac Kellum	do	do
Woodhouse	Oliver Austin	Reeve	Thos. M. England
do	James Jamieson	Deputy Reeve	do

The Clerk having found the credentials placed before him to be correct, the credentials of the Township of Woodhouse not being presented, the next in order in the proceedings was to elect a Warden.

No. 1. On motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Wyckoff,

Ordered,

That Louis L. Sovereign, Reeve of the Village of Waterford, be the Warden of the County of Norfolk for this year.

The motion was carried unanimously.

No. 2. On motion of Mr. Cryslar, seconded by Mr. Cowan,

Ordered,

That the Council do now adjourn for half an hour to enable the Warden to make his declaration of office.

The Warden made his declaration of office before Wm. Kelly Esq., J. P., of Houghton.

The Warden before assuming the chair thanked the Council for the honor they had done him the second time, in his usual happy manner. The Clerk read the Wardens declaration of office.

The minutes of the last day of the December session were read and approved.

Communications and petitions were read by the Warden and laid on the table.

No. 3. On motion of Dr. Tweedale, seconded by Mr. Dickinson,

Ordered,

That Oliver Austin Reeve and James Jamieson Deputy Reeve, of the Township of Woodhouse, be allowed to take their seats; their qualifications having been mislaid.

No. 4. On motion of Mr. McCall, seconded by Mr. Mitchell,

Ordered,

That the Treasurer's Statement for lands liable to be sold for taxes be filed in the Clerk's office for future reference.

No. 5. On motion of Mr. Dickinson, seconded by Dr. Tweedale,

Ordered,

That George Curtis and Lawrence Skey, Esquires, be and they are hereby appointed Auditors of County accounts for the current year; the former being the nominee of the Warden.

No. 6. On motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Dickinson,

Ordered,

That the Clerk of the County is hereby authorized to procure one copy of Harrison's Municipal Manual, last edition, and the Warden is hereby authorized to issue his check for the payment of the same.

No. 7. On motion of Dr. Tweedale, seconded by Mr. Holtby,

Ordered,

That the communication of Capt. W. G. Mutton be referred to the Committee on Finance with power to report by bill or otherwise.

No. 8. On motion of Mr. Austin, seconded by Mr. Jamieson,

Ordered,

That the communication of the County Clerk of the County of Brant be referred to the Committee of the whole Council, to report thereon by bill or otherwise.

No. 9. On motion of Mr. Crysler, seconded by Mr. Austin,

Ordered,

That the following be the standing Committees for the current year.

ON FINANCE.

The Reeves of the various Municipalities.

ON EDUCATION.

Messrs. The Warden, Crysler, Tweedale, McBride, Killmaster, Austin, Holtby, Wilson and Nickerson.

ON PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

Messrs. McCall, Kelly, Sutton, Wyckoff, Barber, Cowan, Robertson, Goold and Ferris.

ON ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Messrs. Robertson, Jamieson, Hagerman, Mitchell, Ferris and Kellum.

ON THE POOR HOUSE AND INDUSTRIAL FARM.

Messrs. Holtby, Cowan, Kellum, Hagerman, Killmaster, Barber, Wyckoff, Jamieson, Goold, Mitchell, Kelly and Anderson.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTS.

Messrs. Killmaster, Dickinson, Crysler, Austin, Tweedale and McBride.

SPECIAL VISITING COMMITTEE TO THE POOR HOUSE.

Messrs. The Warden, Austin, Sutton and Tweedale.

No. 10. On motion of Mr. Sutton, seconded by Mr. Nickerson,

Ordered,

That the communication of the County Surveyor be referred to the Committee on Public Buildings, with power to report to this Council.

No. 11. On motion of Mr. Cowan, seconded by Mr. Cryslar,

Ordered,

That the communication from William Powis, Esq., be referred to the Committee of the Whole Council, with power to report thereon by bill or otherwise.

No. 12. On motion of Dr. Tweedale, seconded by Mr. Dickinson,

Ordered,

That this Council do now adjourn to meet again to-morrow.

And the Council adjourned accordingly.

Attest,

JAMES ERMATINGER,

County Clerk,

County of Norfolk.

LOUIS L. SOVEREIGN,

Warden.

Wednesday, 29th January, 1890, Second Day of the
First Regular Session of the 41st County Council.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Warden in the Chair.

The roll was called and the following members answered to their names, viz:—Messrs. The Warden, McCall, Hagerman, Mitchell, Dickinson, Kelly, Crysler, Cowan, McBride, Killmaster, Nickerson, Sutton, Wyckoff, Goold, Barber, Tweedale, Holtby, Anderson, Ferris, Wilson, Robertson, Kellum, Austin and Jamieson.

The minutes were read and approved.

Certain communications, etc., were read and laid on the table.

The qualifications of the Reeve and Deputy Reeve of Woodhouse, were read and filed.

No. 1. On motion of Mr. Goold, seconded by Mr. Killmaster,

Ordered,

That the report of the Ingersoll and Port Burwell Gravel Road Company be filed in the Clerk's office.

No. 2. On motion of Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Kellum,

Ordered,

That the report of the Directors of the Tilsonburg and Courtland Gravel Road Company, for the year ending the first of December, 1889, be filed in the Clerk's office.

No. 3. On motion of Mr. Killmaster, seconded by Mr. McBride,

Ordered,

That Messrs. The Warden, Austin, Nickerson, McCall and Crysler be a Committee to enquire into the validity of the County Treasurer's bonds.

No. 4. On motion of Mr. Dickinson, seconded by Mr. Kelly,

Ordered,

That the Treasurer's Financial Statement and the Report of the Registrar, be filed in the Clerk's office for future reference.

No. 5. On motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Holtby,

Ordered,

That the communication of A. M. Roseburgh, M. D., in reference to the Prisoners' Aid Association, of Canada, be referred to the Committee of the Whole Council, with power to report thereon by bill or otherwise.

No. 6. On motion of Mr. Crysler, seconded by Mr. Cowan,

Ordered,

That all accounts for charity for the current year, be referred to the Committee on Finance, with power to report thereon by bill or otherwise.

No. 7. On motion of Mr. McBride, seconded by Mr. Killmaster,

Ordered,

That the following gentlemen be appointed High School Trustees for the regular term:—

Town of Simcoe—George W. Wells, Esq., Q. C.

The Village of Port Rowan—J. L. Buck, Esq.

The Village of Port Dover—Andrew Ball, Esq.

No. 8. On motion of Mr. Hagerman, seconded by Mr. Mitchell,

Ordered,

That Messrs. the Warden, Nickerson, Wilson, Austin and McCall, are hereby appointed a Committee to ask for tenders for the County printing, for the current year, and to enter into contract with parties tendering for the same, either in a lump sum or otherwise, as they may deem advisable.

No. 9. Mr. Crysler gives notice that he will on to-morrow or next day introduce a motion to provide for the survey and making plans and maps of the unincorporated and incorporated Villages and Towns of the County, as proposed by A. J. Donly, Esq., Registrar, for the use of the Registry office.

No. 10. Mr. Jamieson gives notice that he will on to-morrow or next day introduce a resolution asking a further grant to one Mrs. Wright, of Woodhouse.

No. 11. On motion of Mr. Dickinson, seconded by Dr. Tweedale,

Ordered,

That this Council do now adjourn to meet again to-morrow.

And the Council adjourned accordingly.

Attest,

JAMES ERMATINGER,
County Clerk,

County of Norfolk.

LOUIS. L. SOVEREIGN,

Warden.

Thursday, 30th January, 1890, Third day of the First
Regular Session of the 41st County Council.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Warden in the chair.

The roll was called and the following members answered to their names, viz:—Messrs. The Warden, McCall, Hagerman, Mitchell, Dickinson, Kelly, Crysler, Cowan, McBride, Killmaster, Nickerson, Sutton, Wyckoff, Goold, Barber, Tweedale, Holtby, Anderson, Ferris, Wilson, Robertson, Kellum, Austin and Jamieson.

The minutes were read and approved.

The Warden read communications, etc., which were laid on the table.

No. 1. On motion of Mr. Dickinson, seconded by Dr. Tweedale,

Ordered,

That the Warden is hereby authorized to procure the necessary tin boxes and table for the Registry office; and also authorized to issue his check on the County Treasurer for payment of the same.

No. 2. On motion of Mr. Cowan, seconded by Mr. Crysler,

Ordered,

That the communication from Messrs. Tisdale, Robb & Tisdale be referred to the Committee of the Whole Council, with power to report thereon by bill or otherwise.

No. 3. On motion of Mr. Nickerson, seconded by Mr. Sutton,

Ordered,

That the report of the Master of the Poor House and Industrial Farm be received and filed in the Clerk's office.

No. 4. On motion of Mr. Robertson, seconded by Mr. Kellum,

Ordered,

That this Council do now go into a Committee of the Whole upon the various matters referred to it.

And the Council went into Committee of the Whole at 20 minutes of 4 o'clock p.m., Mr. Anderson in the Chair. Arose at a quarter past 5 o'clock. All the members being present the Council resumed its sitting.

No. 5. On motion of Mr. McCall, seconded by Mr. Sutton,
Ordered,

That the Clerk be instructed to procure copies of the Provincial Statutes of Ontario, for 1887, 1888, 1889, and the Revised Statutes, to supply each new member of this Council with a copy of each, and the Warden is hereby authorized to issue his check on the County Treasurer for the payment of the same.

No. 6. On motion of Mr. Crysler, (in amendment) seconded by Mr. Wilson,

Ordered,

That the Revised Statutes of 1887 only, be provided by the Clerk for the new members of this Council, and the Warden be authorized to issue his check on the County Treasurer for the payment of the same.

Which motion was carried.

No. 7. On motion of Mr. Dickinson, seconded by Dr. Tweedale,

Ordered,

That this Council do now adjourn to meet again to-morrow.

And the Council adjourned accordingly.

Attest,

JAMES ERMATINGER,
County Clerk,
County of Norfolk.

LOUIS L. SOVEREIGN,
Warden.

Friday, 31st January, 1890, Fourth day of the First
Regular Session of the 41st County Council.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Warden in the chair.

The roll was called and the following members answered to their names, viz:—Messrs. The Warden, McCall, Hagerman, Mitchell, Dickinson, Kelly, Crysler, Cowan, McBride, Killmaster, Nickerson, Sutton, Wyckoff, Goold, Barber, Tweedale, Holtby, Anderson, Ferris, Wilson, Robertson, Kellum, Austin and Jamieson.

No. 1. On motion of Mr. Dickinson, seconded by Mr. Wilson,
Ordered,

That the Warden and County Treasurer be and they are hereby authorized to borrow sums of money from time to time, as it may be required for general purposes, to be repaid as soon as the taxes can be collected, and that the corporate seal of the County be attached to this resolution to give it the force and effect of a By-law, and that the 24th rule of this Council be dispensed with, so far as it relates to this resolution.

BY-LAW NO. 264.

Attest,

JAMES ERMATINGER,
County Clerk,
County of Norfolk.

LOUIS. L. SOVEREIGN,
Warden.

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No. 2. On motion of Mr. Crysler, seconded by Mr. Cowan,
Ordered,

That this Council do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole.

And the Council went into a Committee of the Whole, Mr. Anderson in the Chair. Arose and all the members being present the Council resumed its sitting.

The report of the Special Committee on Accounts was brought up.

No. 3. On motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Jamieson,
Ordered,

That the said report be received and adopted, and that the Warden be authorized to draw his checks on the County Treasurer for the several amounts allowed.

The report read and adopted is as follows, viz:—

“Your Special Committee on Accounts beg leave to report as follows: They would recommend that the Auditor’s report be received and adopted, and the accounts allowed in the Auditors’ book be paid, except account No. 5, Austin, Werrett & Co., overcharge 35 cts., and account No. 8, G. W. Lee, overcharge 75 cts., and that the Clerk be authorized to make the above mentioned alterations in the Auditors’ book.”

All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. S. KILLMASTER, Chairman,
JOHN McBRIDE,
OLIVER AUSTIN,
CHAS. DICKINSON,
ROGER CRYSLER,
J. M. TWEEDALE.

Committee Room, 31st, January, 1890.

Mr Dickinson brought up the report of the Committee on Finance, on charity.

No. 4. On motion of Mr. McCall, seconded by Mr. Anderson,
Ordered,

That the said report be received and adopted, and that the Warden be authorized to draw his check on the County Treasurer in favor of the claimants for the several amounts allowed.

The report read and adopted is as follows, viz:

“Your Committee on Finance having examined the various accounts for Charity, would recommend the payment of the following accounts, viz:

For the Township of Charlotteville, wood and medical attendance on Mrs. Winters.....	\$15 15
L. L. Sovereign, Reeve of Waterford, as per bill.....	4 20
For Township of Townsend, coffin for Geo. Roe, innigrant	4 00

Your Committee would also recommend that the following grants be made, viz:

Dr. Hall of the Township of Middleton, be granted four dollars per month instead of twenty-five dollars per year, and also the sum of five dollars for medicine, to be placed in the hands of the Reeve.

That the sum of four dollars per month be granted to Mrs. Wright, of the Township of Woodhouse, instead of twenty-four dollars a year, to be placed in the hands of the Reeve of Woodhouse.

That the grant to Adolphus McConky, of the Township of Houghton, be increased from one dollar per week to seventy-five dollars per year, to

be placed in the hands of the Deputy Reeve of Houghton.

That a grant of twenty dollars to Mrs. Gilman, of the Township of Townsend, for the purpose of having her daughter's eyes operated upon, with the view of regaining her sight; the said amount to be placed in the hands of the Reeve of Townsend.

And that the following parties be granted free peddler's license each, they being unable to gain a livelihood by manual labor, viz:

Clement Hobbs, Simcoe.

William Hardy, Townsend.

Thomas Roach, Houghton.

The above named grants to commence from the 1st January, 1890."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHAS. DICKINSON, Chairman,
G. D. McCALL,
J. NICKERSON,
ROGER CRYSLER,
C. S. KILLMASTER,
L. L. SOVEREIGN,
R. M. WILSON,
OLIVER AUSTIN,
JOHN McBRIDE,
H. W. ANDERSON,
J. M. TWEEDALE.

Committee Room, 31st Jan., 1890.

Mr. Kelly brought up the report of the Committee on Finance on the communication of Capt. W. G. Mutton.

No. 5. On motion of Mr. Jamieson, seconded by Mr. Robertson,
Ordered,

That the said report be received and adopted, and the Warden is hereby authorized to issue his check on the County Treasurer in favor of Capt. W. G. Mutton, for the said amount.

The report read and adopted is as follows viz:

"Your Committee on Finance to whom was referred the communication of Capt. W. G. Mutton, Secretary of the Ontario Rifle Association, would recommend that the sum of ten dollars be granted, as requested."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHAS. DICKINSON, Chairman,
J. M. TWEEDALE,
H. W. ANDERSON,
C. S. KILLMASTER,
J. G. WYCKOFF,

JOHN McBRIDE,
G. D. McCALL,
ROGER CRYSLER,
R. M. WILSON,
J. NICKERSON,
L. L. SOVEREIGN,
OLIVER AUSTIN.

Committee Room, 31st Jan., 1890.

Mr. McCall brought up the report of the Committee on Public Buildings, on the County Surveyor's report.

No. 6. On motion of Mr. Cowan, seconded by Mr. Jamieson,
Ordered,

That the said report be received and adopted, and that the Warden is hereby authorized to draw his check on the County Treasurer in payment of the work ordered.

The report read and adopted is as follows, viz:

"Your Committee to whom was referred the County Surveyor's report, beg leave to state that they examined the Court House roof, and would recommend that the County Surveyor and the Warden be instructed, as soon as the weather permits, to have the main building over the Court Room covered with galvanized iron roofing, of the best quality; also new troughing of the same material; and all the old slates that are good from the Court Room roof, to be used in repairing the other parts of the Court House roof.

Your Committee also examined the Gaol and found it neat and clean, and the prisoners satisfied with the treatment received."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

G. D. McCALL, Chairman,
A. COWAN,
L. C. BARBER,
J. GOOLD,
J. G. WYCKOFF,
G. FERRIS,
WM. KELLY,
JOHN SUTTON,
O. ROBERTSON.

Committee Room, 31st January, 1890.

Mr. Jamieson brought up the report of the Committee on the Poor House and Industrial Farm.

No. 7. On motion of Mr. Crysler, seconded by Mr. Wilson,
Ordered,

That the said report be received and adopted, and that the Warden be authorized to draw his check on the County Treasurer in payment of the articles ordered.

The report read and adopted is as follows, viz:

“Your Committee on the Poor House and Industrial Farm report as follows: That they have visited and examined the same, finding the Poor House neat and clean and the inmates well satisfied.

We find that a few inexpensive tools are needed by the shoemaker, and wish them supplied by the Special Committee. We also thank Dr. Tweedale for the two pictures that he furnished the Poor House with.

We hope the different religious bodies in this Town will furnish the inmates with religious papers; your Committee also recommend that the Warden be instructed to send one John Beachem to the Hospital, as recommended by Dr. Hayes.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN HOLTBY, Chairman,
JAS. JAMIESON,
A. COWAN,
J. GOOLD,
ISAAC KELLUM,
C. S. KILLMASTER,
L. C. BARBER,
J. G. WYCKOFF,
WM. MITCHELL,
H. W. ANDERSON,
WM. KELLY.

Committee Room, 31st Jan., 1890.

No. 8. On motion of Mr. Austin, seconded by Mr. McBride,
Ordered,

That the Warden is hereby authorized to issue his check on the County Treasurer, for the payment of the account of Donald McKinnon, Esq., Superintendent of the Victoria Industrial School, for expenses incurred in keeping Fred. Shaw, from 1st October, to 31st December, 1889—13 weeks; and is also instructed to take prompt measures to have the said Fred. Shaw removed from the Industrial School as soon as it can be accomplished.

Mr. Crysler brought up the report of the Special Committee on bonds.

No. 9. On motion of Mr. Cowan, seconded by Mr. Kellum,
Ordered,

That the said report be received and adopted.

The report read and adopted is as follows, viz:—

“Your Committee to whom was referred the subject of the validity of the County Treasurer's bonds, beg leave to report That they made what they believe the necessary enquiries into the validity of the County Treasurer's bonds, and would recommend that they be accepted as ample and satisfactory.”

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ROGER CRYSLER, Chairman,
L. L. SOVEREIGN,
J. NICKERSON,
G. D. McCALL,
OLIVER AUSTIN.

Committee Room, 31st, January, 1890.

No. 10. On motion of Mr Austin, seconded by Mr. Jamieson,
Ordered,

That Messrs. The Warden, L. H. Hunt, Esq., and the County Judge, are hereby appointed Auditors of Accounts for the General Sessions of the Peace, for the current year.

Mr. Anderson brought up the report of the Committee of the Whole, on the various matters submitted to it.

No. 11. On motion of Mr. Holtby, seconded by Mr. Ferris,
Ordered,

That the report of the Committee of the Whole upon the various matters referred to it, be received and adopted.

The report read and adopted is as follows, viz:

“Your Committee of the Whole having carefully examined the several communications referred to it, beg leave to recommend the following, viz:

1st. On the communication of A. M. Rosebrugh, M.D., in reference to the Prisoners' Aid Association of Canada,

That no appropriation be made for this year, but in view of the fact that former appropriations having been made, the Clerk is hereby instructed to ask the Association to furnish a report of the institution to this Council.

2nd. On the communication of the County Clerk of the County of Brant, in reference to the exemption of farm stock from assessment,

That no action be taken thereon.

3rd. On the communication of William Powis, Esq., in reference to a recent work published by him, on Municipal Finances,

That no action be taken thereon.

4th. On the communication of Messrs. Tisdale, Robb & Tisdale, with reference to the fine of \$75 imposed on Charles Grant, Esq., under the Scott Act,

Your committee would recommend that as soon as Mr. Grant is successful in having the conviction quashed, that the Warden issue his check to Mr. Grant, for the sum of seventy-five dollars.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. W. ANDERSON, Chairman.

Committee Room, 31st Jan., 1890.

No. 12. On motion of Mr. Crysler, seconded by Mr. Cowan,

Ordered,

That the Warden be authorized to communicate with some of the Provincial Land Surveyors of the Province, with the view of ascertaining the probable expense, and the most feasible manner of having the unincorporated and incorporated Villages and Towns of this County properly surveyed, and plans and maps procured of the same, for the use of the Registry office, and the Warden report thereon at the June session of this Council.

No. 13. On motion of Mr. Wyckoff, seconded by Mr. Dickinson,

Ordered,

That the County Council of the County of Norfolk, hereby express their regret at the death of the late Robert Thompson Livingstone, Esq., County Judge, not only on account of the very honorable and efficient manner in which he has conducted and filled the office of County Judge for the last five years, but on account of the very high esteem in which he was held not only by this Council but by the public generally; and while we mourn our loss, we recognize the mysterious doing of an infinite and all-wise and loving Disposer of events, to whose will we reverently bow, deeply sympathizing with the heart stricken and bereaved family.

No. 14. On motion of Mr. Jamieson, seconded by Mr. McCall,

Ordered,

That this Council do now adjourn to meet again on Tuesday, 10th day of June, next.

And the Council adjourned accordingly.

Attest,

JAMES ERMATINGER,

County Clerk,

County of Norfolk.

LOUIS L. SOVEREIGN,

Warden.



